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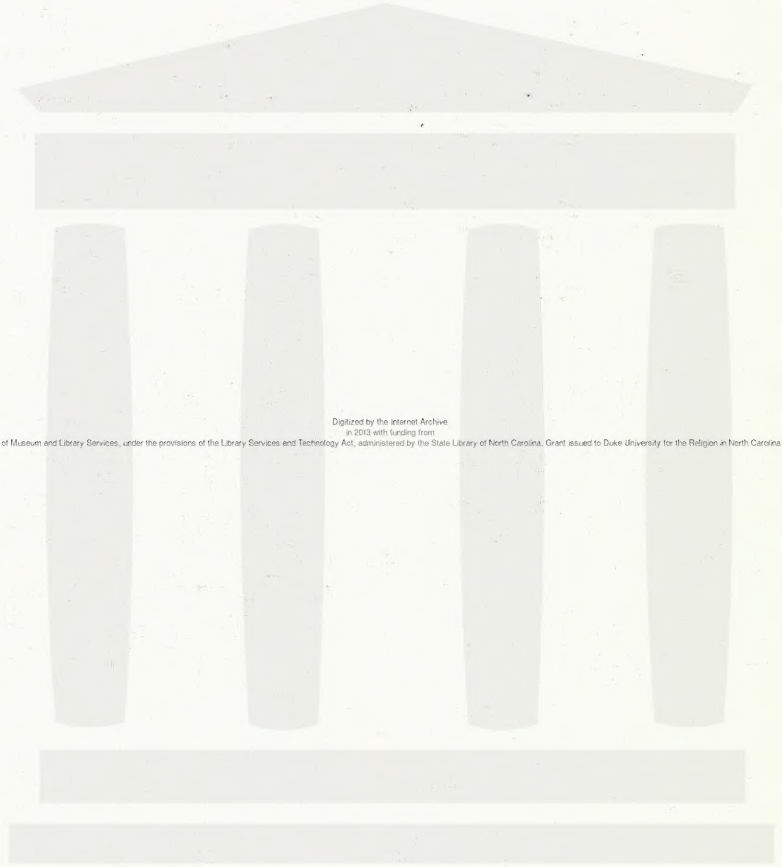

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ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - 1983-84

Moderator:
Rev. Neil George

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Clerk:
Bruce Millsaps

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Kelsie Millsaps

Training Union Director:
Mrs. Phil Walker

WMU Director:
Lois McClelland

Vacation Bible School Director:
Mrs. Bruno Santorum

Sunday School Representative:
Rev. Perry Link

Hospital Representative:
Rev. Bill Smith

Children's Home Representative:
Rev. Elbert Goble

Home for the Aging Representative:
Rev. Ruel Fox

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES - 1983-84

Program Committee:
- Rev. Perry Link
- Rev. Dennis Dyson
- Bruce Millsaps
- Lynn Moose
- Michael Mecimore

Nominating Committee:
- Rev. Michael Howard
- Ricky Childers
- Allen Fox
- Larry Burgess
- Charles Marlowe

Resolutions Committee:
- Rev. Jack Pugh
- Rev. Homer Baity
- Rex Childers

Evangelism:
- Rev. Paul Crater
- Rev. Ruel Fox
- Rev. Michael Howard

Quarterly Conference Committee:
- Rev. Dennis Dyson
- Mark Stewart
- Britt Daniels

Time, Place and Preacher Committee:
- Rev. Elbert Goble
- Steve Grant
- Harlas Southers

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BETHEL: Britt Daniels, Paul Fox, Terry Wike

CONCORD: Quez Childers, Mrs. Espie Childers, Mrs. Nora Willey, Mrs. Maybelle Grant, Mrs. Mary Jo Grant

DOVER: Ray Holsclaw, Russell Pennell, Mrs. Willie Pennell, Mrs. Irene Teeters

FAIRVIEW: William Goodson, Jim Gilreath, Loretta Gilreath, H. Mason, Maggie Mason, J.C. Bruce

FRIENDLY CHAPEL: Bill Shumaker, Mrs. Eva Baity, David Lambert, Robert Moore, Mrs. Robert Moore, George Franklin, Linda Franklin, Vicky Lambert

MT. HEBRON: Mrs. Edith Bentley, Gaither Wike, Max Bentley, Mrs. Doris St.Clair, Mrs. Ruby Clanton, Mrs. Cathy Walker

MT. NEBO: Rev. Dennis Dyson, Mrs. Clergy Childers, Mrs. Ethel Payne, Mrs. Emma Lee Allen, Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Darius Stikeleather

PLEASANT GROVE: Boyd Childers, Nola Childers, Fred Childers, Glenn Hill, Lucy Privette, Phil Walker

ROCKY FACE: Rev. Ronald Brookshire, Mr. Miller Walker, Debbie Elliott, Judy Elder

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Roy Fox, Bertha Fox, H.C. Cook, Lois Cook, Lynn Cook, Ricky Crater

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LIST OF MESSENGERS

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Mrs. Mary M. Younger, Coolidge Younger, Mrs. Ineze York, Mrs. Hilda Younger, Glenn Mayberry, Ms. Barbara Privette

WAYFOUND: Shelia Lackey, Elaine George, Wanda Mecimore, Hessie Kerley, Doris Duncan, Charles Duncan.

WHITE PLAINS: Rev. Jerry Gwaltney, Mrs. Louise Millsaps, Mr. Glenn Adams, Miss Topaz Blankenship, Mrs. Vesta Adams

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Name

ARTICLE I

This Union of Churches shall be known as The Rocky Face Baptist Association.

Purpose

ARTICLE II

The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men. It shall strive, as far as possible to aid in the development of the churches which constitute its membership. Each church shall be free to support such mission work as it feels led; however, every church is urged to comply with the teaching of the scriptures concerning missions.

Membership

ARTICLE III

The membership of this Association shall be comprised of Missionary Baptist Churches and sponsored missions.

Churches or missions desiring affiliation with this Association, upon proper notice to the Association Executive Committee, shall be taken under the watchcare of the Association for one year; thence into membership.

All affiliated churches and missions shall be expected to cooperate in all Associational programs of work.

Each church or mission may be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Association by at least three (3) messengers elected by the church from its active membership. Messengers shall be limited to a basis of 1-50 members after the basic three messengers (basic three messengers to equal the first 150 membership.)

Affiliation

ARTICLE IV

This Association shall be affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and in turn with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Meeting

ARTICLE V

This Association shall hold an annual meeting the last Wednesday in October of each year. Quarterly conferences shall be held on the first Sunday afternoon of each quarter. The Executive Committee may call other meetings if deemed necessary.

Officers

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Association shall be:
(1) A Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Director of Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible School Director, Training Union Director, and WMU Director.

(2) The above officers are to be elected on the first day of the Annual Session and shall take charge at the close of the Session. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms if agreeable with both Association and officers.

(3) All officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

(4) An Executive Committee shall be constituted of the following:

a. The pastor of each church or mission affiliated with the Association.
b. One layman elected by each church from its active membership.
c. Any other General Associational officer not herein under covered.
d. The committee shall elect chairman from its own group.

Powers

ARTICLE VII

The powers of this body shall be kept in strict conformity with New Testament principles.

(1) The Association cannot obligate or bind any church in any matter.

(2) The Association shall have no coercive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage.

(3) It shall act only as an advisory council in all matters. Then only when called upon by the churches.

(4) Any church of the Association may appeal to the Association through the Executive Committee for advice.

(5) The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Executive Committee of the Association.

(6) The officers of the Association shall be expected to promote within the Association the duties of their office. It shall be their responsibility to contact, encourage and promote the work among the churches.

(7) The Association shall have no power over the Ordination of Ministers of the Organization of new churches, unless help is requested by interested parties.

(8) All matters to be considered at the Annual Session shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

(9) All decisions shall be reached by majority vote of messengers present at the session.

(10) Each messenger to exercise his voting privilege must register with the clerk and wear his registration tag. An alternate voting in the place of a messenger must do likewise.

Committees

ARTICLE VIII

The nominating Committee shall at the beginning of each Annual Session present to the body a slate of the following committees and/or officers.

(1) A slate of General Officers listed herein under.

(2) Program Committee-Annual Session-5 members (Vice Moderator, Clerk, one pastor and two laymen.)

(3) Time, Place, Preacher - 3 members (any church wishing to invite the Association for the next Annual Session, shall do so by filing a written invitation with the clerk one month before the immediate session.)

(4) A new Committee on Nominations - 5 members.

(5) Resolutions - 3 members.

(6) The report of the Nomination Committee shall be printed in sufficient number for distribution at the Annual Session. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to contact each person that is placed before the body for elections, to secure their assent.

(7) Evangelism Committee - 3 members.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE V - Meeting

Quarterly conferences shall be held on the third Thursday evening of each quarter.

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II

The enrolled messengers present will constitute a quorum to transact business in the name of the Association.

Duties of Officers

ARTICLE III

(1) Moderator - preside at the meeting, preserve order, appoint any committees as deemed necessary and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer.

The book of Parliamentary Procedures by Keerfoot shall be the basis of ruling order.

He shall, so far as his private duties permit, communicate with the churches promoting the work of the Kingdom.

(2) Vice Moderator - preside in the absence or at the invitation of the Moderator. Perform all other duties common to moderator at this instruction.

(3) Clerk - keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same. One month following the Annual Association Meeting the clerk shall forward to the printer all material then in his possession for the printing of the minutes. The minutes are to be printed whether or not all church letters have been received at that time.

He shall be paid $100.00 annually for hi services.

(4) Treasurer - it shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and distribute all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

All money paid into the Association treasury shall be acceptable by check only.

The treasurer shall be paid $2.50 per hour for the number of hours actually spent discharging the work for the Association.

The treasurer shall act as the secretary of the Association.

(5) Historian - it shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the church with whom the day session is held.

(6) Sunday School Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Training Union Director, and WMU President -- it shall be their duty to promote their respective work among the churches and at the associational level.

Duties of Committees

ARTICLE IV

(1) Program: (Annual Session) It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to prepare and publish at lease 60 days prior to Annual Session the program agenda. A verbal commitment must be received from all participants on the program. In event a speaker cannot fill his commitment, it shall be his responsibility to notify the committee, in advance of the session, except in extreme emergencies.

(Quarterly Conference) - To prepare an appropriate, informative and inspirational program. The committee shall use its own discretion as to program material.

(2) Time, Place, and Preacher - It shall be the duty of the committee to select the place of the next Annual Session, to fix the time, name of the preacher and alternate to preach the Annual Sermon. (See No. 3, Article VIII of Constitution.)

(3) Nominations - It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to nominate the officers of the association as well as standing committee members. This committee shall report to the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the Annual Session.

(4) Resolutions - It shall be the duty of the Committee on Resolutions to prepare and purpose to the Association resolutions of appreciation to the host church, and consider any other matters referred to it by the moderator.

(5) Evangelism - To plan and promote evangelistic work in the association and to report at annual session.

ARTICLE V

The expenses of the Association shall be provided for by the churches. Each church in the Association shall be expected to share in this provision of funds.

All money coming into the Association shall be directed to the treasurer.

For the sake of clarity the clerk shall advise each church at least 30 days prior to the Annual Session concerning the cost per copy of Associational Minutes.

ARTICLE VI

Any motion for Associational or Executive Committee consideration must be presented in writing, at the time it is presented verbally, for consideration by the body or committee.

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE VII

It shall be the responsibility of the clerk to insert at the proper place in the printed minutes any new motion concerning the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policy that may be adopted.

ARTICLE VIII

The Constitution and By-Laws may be changed or ammended or revised at any regular session if a majority of the messengers concur, provided the notice under Article VII of the Constitution has been given.

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PASTORS

Bethel: Bill Smith, Rt. 3, Box 236, Newton 28658

Concord: Michael Howard, Rt. 1, Stony Point 28678

Dover: Elbert Goble, Rt. 5, Box 364-A
Taylorsville 28681

Fairview: James Ruel Fox, Rt. 1, Box 318,
Hiddenite 28636

Friendly Chapel: Homer Baity, Rt. 1, Hiddenite 28636

Mt. Hebron: Perry Link, Rt. 5, Box 195-A
Taylorsville 28681

Mt. Nebo: Dennis L. Dyson, Rt. 4, Box 369-A
Taylorsville 28681

Pleasant Grove: Jack Pugh, Rt. 2, Box 161,
Stony Point 28678

Rocky Face: Ronald Brookshire, Rt. 4, Box 182
Taylorsville 28681

Sulphur Springs: Paul Crater, Rt. 2, Box 288
Hiddenite 28636

Taylor Springs: J. C. Gwaltney, Rt. 9, Box 317-A
Statesville 28677

Wayfound: Neil George, Rt. 2, Box 426, Hiddenite
28636

White Plains: Jerry Gwaltney, Rt. 2, Box 376-A
Hiddenite 28636

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS

Bethel: Frank Campbell, Rt. 5, Taylorsville, 28681

Concord:

Dover: Clarence Dillard, Rt. 2, Lenoir, 28645

Fairview: Carl Childers, Rt. 1, Box 322, Hiddenite, 28636

Friendly Chapel: Lester Lambert, Rt, 2, Box 343-A Statesville, 28677

Mt. Hebron: Robert St.Clair, Rt. 4, Box 34, Taylorsville, 28681

Mt. Nebo: Harlas Southers, Rt. 2, Hiddenite, 28636

Pleasant Grove: Maynard Johnson, Taylorsville Rd. Statesville, 28677

Rocky Face: Miller Walker, Rt. 5, Taylorsville, 28681

Sulphur Springs: Glenn Keever, Rt. 3, Taylorsville 28681

Taylor Springs: Hal York, Rt. 1, Box 148-B, Olin 28660

Wayfound: Roby Mecimore, Rt. 3, Taylorsville, 28681

White Plains: Paul Stikeleather, Rt. 2, Hiddenite 28636

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH CLERKS

Bethel: Rusty Lackey, Rt. 5, Box 50,
Taylorsville, 28681

Concord: Rick W. Childers, Rt. 5, Box 99
Taylorsville, 28681

Dover: Kay T. Hamby, Rt. 2, Box 518, Lenoir, 28645

Fairview: Edd McLain, Rt. 1, Box 285, Hiddenite
28636

Friendly Chapel: Mrs. Nellie Shomaker, Rt. 1,
Box 152-D, Olin, N.C. 28660

Mt. Hebron: Mr. Royde Kerley, Rt. 5, Box 168
Taylorsville, 28681

Mt. Nebo: W. Dwight Payne, Rt. 2, Box 427
Hiddenite, 28636

Pleasant Grove: Mrs. Betty Norton, Rt. 11
Box 334, Statesville 28677

Rocky Face: Johnny Elder, Rt. 5, Box 388,
Taylorsville, 28681

Sulphur Springs; Mrs. Kay Durmire, P. O. Box 4
Hiddenite, 28636

Taylor Springs: D. C. Younger, Rt. 1, Box 279
Union Grove, 28689

Wayfound Baptist: Mrs. Edith Mitchell, Rt. 2
Box 435, Taylorsville 28681

White Plains: Mrs. Louise Millsaps, Rt. 3, Box 373
Taylorsville, 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH TREASURERS

Bethel: Margaret Johnson, Rt. 5, Box 166
Taylorsville 28681

Concord: Maybelle Grant, Rt. 1, Stony Point 28678

Dover: Mrs. Russell Pennell, Rt. 2, Box 375
Taylorsville 28681

Fairview: J. C. Bruce, Rt. 2, Box 253, Hiddenite
28636

Friendly Chapel: Mrs. Nellie Shumaker, Rt. 1
Box 152-D, Olin 28660

Mt. Hebron: Mrs. Clara Wike, Rt. 5, Taylorsville
28681

Mt. Nebo: Mrs. Modean Burgess, P.O. Box 11
Hiddenite, 28636

Pleasant Grove: Mrs. Louise Santorum, Rt. 2,
Statesville, 28677

Rocky Face; Jerry Wike, Rt. 2, Hiddenite 28636

Sulphur Springs: Ray Bowles, Rt. 1, Box 43
Hiddenite, 28636

Taylor Springs: Mrs. Mary M. Younger, Rt. 1,
Union Grove 28689

Wayfound Baptist: Mrs. Wonda Mecimore, Rt. 3,
Box 74B, Taylorsville, 28681

White Plains: Mrs. Eileen Kerley, Rt. 2, Box 431
Taylorsville, 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Bethel: Frank Campbell, Rt. 5, Taylorsville,28681

Concord: Zeno Matheson, Rt.3, Taylorsville, 28681

Dover: Ted Pennell, Rt.2, Taylorsville, 28681

Fairview: Carl Childers, Rt. 1, Box 322, Hiddenite 28636

Friendly Chapel: David Lambert, Rt. 1, Box 354 Stony Point, 28678

Mt. Hebron: Waitsel Wike, Rt. 4, Taylorsville 28681

Mt. Nebo: Dennis Dyson/Kurt Dyson, Rt. 4, Box 369B Taylorsville, 28681

Pleasant Grove: Boyd Childers, Rt. 2, Hiddenite 28636

Rocky Face: Mrs. Patsy Little, Rt. 3 Taylorsville 28681

Sulphur Springs: Fred Stocks, Rt. 2, Hiddenite, 28636

Taylor Springs: Ms. Barbara Privette, Rt. 1, Box 328, Union Grove, 28689

Wayfound: Rick Lackey, Rt. 6, Box 431, Taylorsville, 28681

White Plains: Larry Millsaps, Rt. 3, Box 118, Taylorsville, 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ORGANISTS

Bethel: JoAnne Johnson, Rt. 1, Hiddenite, 28636

Concord: Doris Matheson, Rt. 3, Taylorsville, 28681

Dover: Kim Pennell, 140 7th St. N.W. Taylorsville, 28681

Fairview: Hazel Goodson, Rt. 1, Stony Point, 28678

Friendly Chapel: Vicky Lambert, Rt. 1, Box 354, Stony Point, 28678

Mt. Hebron: Karen Lovette, Rt. 6, Box 403-D Taylorsville, 28681

Mt. Nebo: Melissa Moose, Rt. 2, Hiddenite, 28636

Pleasant Grove: Edith Levan, Rt. 2, Hiddenite, 28636

Rocky Face: Kim Stine, Rt. 4, Taylorsville, 28681

Sulphur Springs: Thelma Dagenhart, P. O. Box 195, Hiddenite, 28636

Taylor Springs: Hilda Younger, Rt. 1, Box 279, Union Grove, 28689

Wayfound: Hessie Kerley, Rt. 3, Taylorsville, 28681

White Plains: Patty Carrigan, Rt. 3, Box 276-A Taylorsville, 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Bethel: Rex Childers, Rt. 5, Box 299
Taylorsville, 28681

Concord: Steve Grant, Rt. 1, Stony Point, 28678

Dover: Tommy Jolley, Rt. 2, Lenoir,28645

Fairview: Bruce Millsaps, Rt. 1, Box 265
Hiddenite, 28636

Friendly Chapel:

Mt. Hebron: Gaither Mike, Rt. 5, Taylorsville 28681

Mt. Nebo: Larry Burgess, P.O. Box 11, Hiddenite
28636

Pleasant Grove: Bruno Santorum, Rt. 11, Box 200
Statesville, 28677

Rocky Face: Danny Elliott, Rt. 2, Hiddenite, 28636

Sulphur Springs: Roy Durmire, Rt. 2, Box 291
Hiddenite, 28636

Taylor Springs: Frank Patterson, Rt. 1,
Union Grove 28689

Wayfound: Tod Jones, 131 Shannon Drive
Taylorsville 28681

White Plains: Jeffery Carrigan, Rt. 3, Box 276-A
Taylorsville 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCH TRAINING

Pleasant Grove: Mrs. Edith Walker, Rt. 2, Box 118
Stony Point, N.C.28678

LIBRARY SERVICES

Pleasant Grove: Mrs. Phyliss Pugh, Rt. 2, Box [illegible]
Stony Point, N.C.28678

Sulphur Springs: Miss Lois McLelland, Rt. 2
Hiddenite, N.C. 28636

WMU DIRECTORS

Fairview: Katherine Sprinkle, Rt. 2, Hiddenite
28636

Mt. Hebron: Doris St.Clair, Rt. 5, Taylorsville
28681

Sulphur Springs: Lois McLelland, Rt.2, Hiddenite
28636

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-Fourth annual session of the Rocky Face Baptist Association convened on October 26, 1983 at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Neil George, presiding.

9:00 Bud Stocks led in the opening song and Rev. Homer Baity has scripture and prayer.

9:05 Rev. Neil George called the session to order and recognized new pastors and visitors.

9:10 Rev. Paul Crater, host pastor, gave the welcome and announcements.

9:15 The roll call of churches was given by Bruce Millsaps, Clerk. Kelsie Millsaps gave the Treasurer's Report.

9:25 Rev. Michael Howard presented the slate of the new Associational Officers which was voted on and approved.

9:30 Moderator, Rev. George, called for any new or old business.

9:40 Rev. Ruel Fox, introduced Mr. Jim Saul as speaker for Homes for the Aged. Mr. Saul informed us that there are six homes in North Carolina. The purpose of the homes are to provide warmth and security. The report was received and accepted.

9:50 In the absent of Rev. Bill Smith, moderator, Rev. George introduced Mr. Jim Saul as representative of N.C. Baptist Hospital. He said that our hospital is growing and meeting needs. Over 500 open heart procedures are performed a year. Their theme is: Hope is something you give when it seems no one cares. The report was accepted and approved.

10:00 Mrs. Bruno Santorum gave the Vacation Bible School Report which was accepted and approved. She reported over 100 people were found through VBS who are not enrolled in

any Sunday School. All churches participated in VBS. The report was received and accepted.

10:10 Rev. Jack Pugh introduced Mr.Jim Lambert for the Annuity report. His report was received and accepted.

10:20 Rev. Dennis Dyson introduced Mr. Max Evanistiem, pastor of the church on campus at Mills Homes, Thomasville, who gave a report from the Baptist Children's Homes. He challenged us to pray for House-Parents, and encouraged churches to visit the homes. His report was received and accepted.

10:30 The Evangelism Report World Missions was given by Rev. Paul Crater. Rev. Crater quoted the scripture "Where there is no vision, the people perish...(Prov. 29:18a) The report was accepted and approved.

10:40 Rev. Elbert Goble introduced Jim Saul and Larry High to give the BIBLICAL RECORDER report. We need to read the BIBLICAL RECORDER to find out what is going on in Baptist Churches. Report accepted and approved.

10:50 Rev. Perry Link gave a report Sunday School. Report was accepted & approved.

10:55 The WMU report was give by Lois McLelland. The report was accepted and approved.

11:00 Mrs. Phil Walker gave a report on Church Training. The report was received and accepted.

11:05 Rev. Ronald Brookshire introduced Rev. Coy Privette from the Christian Action League. He brought facts and figures concerning drug and alcohol abuse. His report was received and accepted.

11:15 Rev. Elbert Goble gave a report from the Resolution Committee.

11:20 Due to the absence of Rev.J.C. Gwaltney the memorials were not read.

11:30 Rev. Ruel Fox gave the annual message using scripture from Acts 28:1. He said the need of the day was that we need to rekindle the fire and let the love of God get hold of our lives.

Rev. Homer Baity gave the Time, Place & Preacher Report. Next's Year Session will be held at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church with Rev. Elbert Goble giving the Annual Message.

TREASURERS REPORT

October, 1982

Balance on Hand	$ 437.12
Receipts	3,183.21
	$3,620.33

Expenses:

Material VBS Clinic	$ 98.10
Cups, Plates & Ice VBS Clinic	2.74
Food & Drinks VBS Clinic	22.55
Supplies for VBS Clinic	6.16
Expense Mileage & Supplies for VBS	65.26
Minute Books	512.00
Adv. for Associational Crusade	32.00
Crusade Evangelist	500.00
Music Director for Crusade	300.00
Postage	3.38
Use of Church for Crusade	200.00
Guitarist for Crusade	100.00
Pianist for Crusade	100.00
Organist for Crusade	100.00
Postage for Church letters to Clerks	10.56
Adv. for Crusade	46.55
Milage for Church Training Seminar	23.40
Name Tags for Association	5.28

Salaries:

Clerk	100.00
Secretary-Treasurer	35.00
Total Expenses	$2,262.98
Balance on Hand...October, 1983	$1,357.35

Respectfully Submitted
Kelsie Millsaps
Treasurer

EVANGELISM REPORT

Southern Baptists have made a commitment to give every person in the world an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel by the year 2000. This is quite an undertaking but we believe it can become a reality brought about by the cooperative efforts of Baptists everywhere.

We are proud of our over 6000 missionaries at home and abroad who seem to be doing a wonderful job in their mission activities, such as witnessing, distributing tracts and literature, planting and growing new churches, working with college students, translating and publishing Bibles and educational literature, teaching in seminaries, operating book stores, clinic's and hospital ect. And the main purpose or objective of all these efforts is to bring people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and to accept Him as Savior and Lord.

We of the Rocky Face Association have a responsibility to do more than just making possible for others to proclaim the Gospel to the world. We too must become involved in Bold Missions. How desperately we need to see the mission field in the community where we are. We must stop praying for the Lord of harvest to send forth laborers untill we first of all have cast ourselves on the mission field and become a laborer in His vineyard.

I was proud to have been a small part of the Crusade for Christ Revival sponsored by the association this last summer. No one knows what the results may be. But our hopes and prayers are that the spirit of evangelism has been awakened and aroused that we can have a greater and more compassionate desire to win the lost to Him who gave His all for us, whatever the cost.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." (Prov. 29:18a).

Respectfully Submitted
Paul Crater

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT - 1983

It is encouraging to me that for at least 5 consecutive years all of our churches have held Vacation Bible Schools. I hope we had at least one Backyard Bible Club, but it hasn't been reported yet. For the benefit of those who don't know what a Backyard Bible Club is, that is when you get anywhere from five to a dozen or so kids together in someone's yard or a park, and tell them Bible stories, sing and play games with them for a couple of hours a day. I imagine that some of you who don't ordinarily help in VBS could do that with neighborhood children in your own backyard. If you would be willing to do that, I am sure your pastor or VBS director would be thrilled to help you arrange it. Try it--you might like it!

I cannot give totals this year as I haven't gotten reports from three churches. Some of the highlights from reports I did get:

Of the ten churches reporting, six had an increase in enrollment, with Dover having a 66 2/3% increase! That surely gives the rest of us something to work toward, and Mr. Goble and Mrs. Penley (VBS director) deserve a button. Rocky Face had a 25% increase, which is also very, very good. For the churches that had a decrease in enrollment, I can only hope that they, like my own church, compensated by having an extra measure of enthusiasm and spirit on the part of both teachers and pupils. Over one-third of our pupils were Youth - 12 to 16 - and they overflowed their room and fortunately we had a partially finished Fellowship Hall to move them into. Fairview reported the largest enrollment, 103. Friendly Chapel had good attendance. Mt. Nebo and Rocky Face each had 20 preschoolers enrolled. They should be able to hold their own for several years if they hang on to those. Sulphur Springs attendance averaged 91% of enrollment, and at Concord it was 93%--that is

very high. Taylor Springs had 3 Rededications and 8 Commitments to Church-Related Vocations. White Plains qualified for a Merit Achievement Award, as did Pleasant Grove; and Dover met requirements for Distinguished Achievement Award. Concord reported 6 prospects discovered in VBS in 1982, and all 6 of them now enrolled in Sunday School. Mission Offerings totalled $673.00, with $226.00 being given through the Cooperative Program.

Over 100 people were found through VBS who are not enrolled in any Sunday School. We need to make a real effort to get these in church. It should be a matter of prayer in everyone of our churches.

I really appreciate all of the time, effort and plain hard work that all of our teachers put in for VBS and the cooperation and help I get from Pastors, VBS Directors, and Clinic Teachers. I can truly say that if you aren't attending our Associational Clinic you are missing some good training and help, and some of the finest fellowship to be found anywhere.

This is Vacation Bible School 1983.

Mt. Hebron reported 130 enrolled, $150.00 given to Missions through the Cooperative Program, and met requirements for Advanced Achievement award.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louise D. Santorum
Associational VBS Director

THE ANNUITY REPORT

The Annuity Board of the SBC is organized to assist churches and their employees in financial matters. In the areas of Hospital Insurance, Retirement Plans and Life Insurance Policies, Sam O'Neil of the N.C. Baptist State Convention stands ready to assist those who request his assistance. Every pastor should be covered by the Annuity plans and the premiums should be paid for the local church that the pastor serves.

We have been alerted by the Annuity Board of some particular problems that our pastors will face this coming year.

1. So called "self employed" persons must now pay 14% Social Security without a share deducted by an employer

2. The church must withhold Social Security on all employees other than the pastors

3. An important deduction for pastors who own a home and live in a pastorium has been removed as churches we face 2 challenges in this area:

   a. To be sure that we are providing adequate retirement for pastors.

   b. To make ourselves heard by our elected officials to the effect that we disapprove of the unfair tax and Social Security brackets our pastors and churches are in.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Pugh

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

There are two basic doctrines in the New Testament; how to be saved and how the saved ought to live. The Sunday School program of the church deals with the first; and Church Training with the second.

Like a lot of other things during our lifetimes, Church Training has changed, it is not an hour or a quarterly. It is a job to be done. Church Training seeks to equip all believers in growth in Christian discipleship. It helps us understand and apply biblical doctrine, live according to biblical teachings, and know and take part in the life and work of our church.

Whether we use an on-going program, reaching out to all ages; or short term studies for special interest groups such as teachers, or new members; whether we use periodicals, equipping centers, study course books or films, if we are teaching a Christian how to live, we are having church training.

I have two good things to report to you this year. First, we have had another increase in the number of churches reporting training. We have 6 churches this year, an increase of 4 over our 2 last year.

The other good thing is Project 400. This is a joint effort of Church Training and Home Missions to start 400 new church training programs this year. I am one of the Associational Church Training Directors that got special training in helping a church plan the type of training they want and setting it up. The box of materials, the sixty dollars worth of free literature and the record keeping materials should provide the first 6 months at no cost to you. I will be very glad to come and show the materials and explain them to you and work with you in setting up your church training.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Walker

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday School, the oldest and largest arm of the church, is still the best way to teach our people the Word of God. This was the purpose from its beginning. With a slow start, it soon began to grow into the great ministry of educating the church people, therefore fulfilling Matthew 28:20 - "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The Sunday School, at one time and by some today, was considered to be more for children and youth. Certainly this is not true. Yes, it is a great help to our children, but also important for the adults. Our churches should adapt our Sunday School program to meet the needs of all our people, regardless of their age.

The churches in the Rocky Face Association have been making progress in the past few years, with an increase in our attendance. With all thirteen churches reporting, this past year was no different. We now have an average attendance of 995 in Sunday School each Sunday.

May I challenge each pastor and Sunday School director, along with teachers and assistants, to work to make this next year the best we have ever had, for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Perry Link

WMU REPORT

We have five churches that have WMU organizations in them. They are: Fairview with 2 circles...The Baptist Women with 15 members and Baptist Young Women with 20 members. Mt. Hebron with one circle and 15 members. Sulphur Springs have two circles. The Baptist Women with 10 members and Baptist Young Women with 8 members.

WMU stands for Women's Missionary Union. It is a organizations for women in the Baptist Church. It has five different organizations. They are:
Baptist Women...Ages 30-to-
Baptist Young Women...18 to 29
Acteen...13 to 17
Girls in Action...6-12
Mission Freinds..9-5

It's purpose is to help the church learn about missions, get involved in missions and to help support missions.

Missions should be the heart of every church. The one that said "Come Unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'. Matt. 11:28 also said "Go ye therfore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Matt. 28:19

My prayer is that each church in this association will strive under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to put mission first in our churches.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Lois McClelland

RESOLUTION REPORT

We of the Resolution Committee herewith resolve to express our thanks and appreciation to the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church for the warm Hospitality to the 34th annual session of the Rocky Face Baptist Association.

Thank you for the delightful fellowship, and the delicious food.

We would like to encourage each Christian to pray one for another, and for peace in the world, the peace that only Christ can give, and the spread of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert Goble
Jack Pugh
The Resolution Committee
Rocky Face Bapt. Association

IN MEMORIAM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCHES HAVE PASSED AWAY SINCE OUR LAST ASSOCIATION MEETING. MAY THE LORD BLESS THEIR MEMORY TO OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY.

Bethel:	Mr. Walter Baity Mrs. Flossie Moore
Concord:	Mrs. Ola Alexander Mrs. Ida Grant Mr. Oscar Goble (Deacon) Mr. Everette Sherrill (Deacon)
Dover:	Mr. Fred Walker
Fairview:	Mr. W. B. Hendren, Jr. Mr. Loyd Mayberry
Mt, Hebron	Mrs. Lisa B. Green
Pleasant Grove:	Mr. Lon S. Johnson (Deacon) Mrs. Susan G. Johnson
Sulphur Springs:	Mr. Parks Keever (Deacon) Mr. Donald Durmire Mr. O. L. Nicholson
Taylor Springs:	Mrs. Arlene D. Lambert

HISTORY SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sulphur Springs Baptist Church had its beginning on the porch of James L. Davis residence across from the old cemetery. Rev. R.L. Steele, father-in-law of Davis preached to the group by monthly appointment.

It was decided to build a brush arbor below the upper spring near Davis Mill. Under this arbor, Rev. Steele and Rev. W.A. Poole held a revival meeting which culminated in the organization of the church on the third Saturday in October of 1867.

The first church was a small log structure. In 1885 it was decided to build a new church being completed in 1886. Five Sunday School rooms were added to the front in 1935. The roof had previously been reparied from two fires.

In the early 40's, more rooms were built at the rear. In 1953, the entire church was turned around, moved back about the length of the building, and all was encased in brick. Two wings with 16 new rooms and two rest rooms were included in this project.

Later a heating system was installed and water system improved. In 1961 members decided to build a parsonage which was completed and a note burning held on Nov. 22, 1964.

Sometime later the sanctuary was lengthened, a baptistry added, and a choir loft put behind the pulpit. Carpet was installed and furnishings refinished or replaced. A new educational was built with assembly room, nursery, Sunday School rooms and storage space.

Sometime later the sanctuary was air conditioned, and still later the fellowship hall. The parsonage also has central air and heat.

Ordained ministers going out from the church include Charles Cook and Henry Cook.

The church has 265 members. Paul Crater is pastor. Present active deacons are Glenn Keever, Jack Hendren, Bud Sutherland, Virgil High, Lynn Cook, Ray Bowles, and Edd Walker.

PASTORS REPORT CHURCHES	COUNTY	YEAR ORGANIZED AS A CHURCH	TOTAL BAPTISMS	OTHER ADDITIONS	MEMBERS LOST	PRESENT RESIDENT MEMBERS	PRESENT NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	GRAND TOTAL PRESENT MEMBERS	VALUE OF PASTOR'S HOME IF OWNED BY CHURCH	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY INCLUDING PASTOR'S HOME	TOTAL CHURCH DEBT AT END OF THIS YEAR
BETHEL	Alex.	1800	5	1	7	83	88	83		150,000	0
CONCORD	Alex.	1852	0	0	4	0	0	133	80,000	260,000	0
DOVER	Alex.	1833	1	4	2	221	0	221		140,000	0
FAIRVIEW	Alex.	1922	11	3	10	242	65	307	75,000	400,000	43,699
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	Ired.	1967	19	3	0	102	4	106		100,000	1,600
MT. HEBRON	Alex.	1915	3	0	2	267	13	280	75,000	300,000	175,000
MT. NEBO	Alex.	1907	0	0	3	57	1	58		100,000	0
PLEASANT GROVE	Ired.	1900	8	5	7	200	48	248	25,000	175,000	0
ROCKY FACE	Alex.	1946	1	2	2	134		134		60,000	8,790
SULPHUR SPRINGS	Alex.	1867	1	0	3	251	10	261	75,000	300,000	0
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Ired.	1852	0	1	5	140	105	245		100,000	0
WAYFOUND	Alex.	1966	3	10	3	128	1	129	45,000	120,000	18,250
WHITE PLAINS	Alex.	1912	0	3	20	270	0	270	65,000	150,000	0

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CHURCH TREASURERS REPORT CHURCHES	NUMBER TITHERS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	CHURCH STAFF SALARIES	MONEY PAID ON NEW CONSTRUCTION DURING YEAR	DEBT RETIREMENT DURING CHURCH YEAR	CHURCH LITERATURE	ALL OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES
BETHEL	10	29,569	13,670			299	12,461	26,341
CONCORD	15	19,566	11,090			481	2,754	14,326
DOVER		35,233	10,310	58,392	357	394	8,466	77,919
FAIRVIEW		86,701	14,013		41,411	2,483	8,971	66,878
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	9	9,903	5,300		1,427	179	125	7,031
MT. HEBRON		75,148	15,820		2,000	707	11,721	30,248
MT. NEBO	15	29,792	20,948			891	6,151	27,990
PLEASANT GROVE		50,748	14,821	20,052		1,103	7,416	43,392
ROCKY FACE	15	16,420	8,925	262	216	114	1,800	11,917
SULPHUR SPRINGS	45	62,938	19,491	1,255		2,034	14,042	36,822
TAYLOR SPRINGS	7	26,745	8,907			1,269	4,046	14,222
WAYFOUND	27	14,300	14,300		2,924	593	6,976	24,793
WHITE PLAINS		22,342	7,500			800	7,073	15,373

CHURCH CLERKS REPORT CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	OTHER MISS CAUSE EXPENDITURES									
		ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS PROGRAM	STATE MISSIONS	DESIGNATED: SBC HOME MISSIONS (Inc, AA off.)	DESIGNATED: SBC FOREIGN MISSIONS (including LMCO)	DESIGNATED: CHILDREN'S HOME	DESIGNATED: HOSPITALS	DESIGNATED: HOMES FOR THE AGED	DESIGNATED: ALL OTHER	TOTAL OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES	GRAND TOTAL MISSION EXPENDITURES
BETHEL	0	0	0	0	563	411	394	335	1,027	2,729	2,729
CONCORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOVER	0	0	160	0	0	100	0	0	0	260	260
FAIRVIEW	0	214	0	316	8,725	200	200	200	200	10,055	10,055
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
MT HEBRON	0	0	0	1207	4.770	2700	1200	0	4,200	14,077	14,077
MT. NEBO	0	100	0	0	0	120	120	120	100	560	460
PLEASANT GROVE	0	0	0	0	290	2282	0	0	6,514	9,086	9,086
ROCKY FACE	0	0	0	0	0	320	160	160	1,160	1,800	1,800
SULPHUR SPRINGS	12,979	100	869	1040	1,632	0	0	0	6,978	13,699	25,123
TAYLOR SPRINGS	81	0	0	130	1,434	140	140	113	213	2,174	2,255
WAYFOUND	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	2,957	3,057	3,057
WHITE PLAINS	81	0	0	0	699	559	0	559	559	2,376	2,376

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Churches	PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT (5 years & under)	CHILDREN ENROLMENT (6-11 yrs. grades 1-6)	YOUTH ENROLMENT (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	YOUNG ADULTS (18-29 years or HS graduate to 29 years.	ADULT ENROLMENT (20-59 years or 30 years to retirement	SENIOR ADULTS (60 and over or retirement and over)	GENERAL OFFICERS	TOTAL ONGOING SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT	TOTAL VBS ENROLMENT
BETHEL	12	19	10	6	29	7		83	74	85
CONCORD	1	8	4	3	10	7		33	28	43
DOVER	6	12	8	7	31	18		82	68	74
FAIRVIEW	32	26	22	22	79	31		212	149	103
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	11	6	7	11	16	2		53	50	57
MT.HEBRON	10	17	16	9	70	8		130	140	120
MT. NEBO	8	9	10	2	13	18		63	48	74
PLEASANT GROVE	14	18	16	20	39	38		149	90	100
ROCKY FACE	13	10	8	2	25			58	45	80
SULPHUR SPRINGS	14	14	12	18	68	34		164	116	74
TAYLOR SPRINGS	4	8	10	5	32	15		78	69	62
WAYFOUND	8	14		9	35	8		74	74	61
WHITE PLAINS	14	12	19	4	38	22		111	82	68

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

CHURCHES	CHILDREN ENROLMENT (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	YOUTH ENROLMENT (12-17 years or grades 7 - 12)	YOUNG ADULTS (18-29 years or HS grad to 29 yrs.)	ADULT ENROLMENT (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	OTHER	GENERAL OFFICERS ENROLMENT	TOTAL CHURCH TRAINING ENROLMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY CHURCH TRAINING ATTENDANCE
CONCORD				15	15		30	
FRIENDLY CHAPEL					45		45	
MT. HEBRON	10	16		29			55	
PLEASANT GROVE	3	8		18	60	2	91	
ROCKY FACE	23	8		27			58	
TAYLOR SPRINGS				25	26	1	27	
WAYFOUND	14	7					46	

WMU REPORT	NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS			ENROLMENT		
CHURCHES	BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN (18-29 years or HS to 29 years)	BAPTIST WOMEN (30 years and older	TOTAL NUMBER OF ORGANI-ZATIONS	BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN (18-29)	BAPTIST WOMEN (30 and over)	TOTAL WMU ENROLMENT
FAIRVIEW	1	1	2	20	19	39
MT. HEBRON			1		15	15
SULPHUR SPRINGS	1	1	2	10	12	22